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Identical letters dated 26 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On the instructions of my Government, I transmit to you herewith a statistical summary of Israeli violations during the period from 15 to 21 February 2008 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 17, and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the identical letters dated 26 February 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Subject: Israeli violations, acts of aggression and other activities from 15 to 21 February 2008, inclusive

Air violations

On 15 February 2008 between 1310 and 1400 hours, an enemy Israeli military aircraft flew at high altitude over the areas of Tibnin, Bint Jubayl, al-Naqurah, al-Nabatiyah and Jazzin.

On 16 February 2008 between 1150 and 1205 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew at high altitude over the area of al-Naqurah.

Between 2205 and 2320 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew at high altitude over the areas of al-Naqurah and Bint Jubayl.

Between 2205 and 2220 hours, over the sea off Ra's al-Naqurah, an enemy Israeli helicopter flew over Lebanese territorial waters.

On 17 February 2008 between 0500 and 1200 hours an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew at intervals over the areas of al-Naqurah, Bint Jubayl and al-Nabatiyah.

Between 1406 and 1700 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea of Tyre heading north as far as Beirut, and circled over Beirut and the southern areas, then departed over the sea off al-Naqurah.

Between 1700 and 1725 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew over the area of al-Naqurah.

On 20 February 2008 between 1800 and 1815 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew over the area of al-Naqurah.

Between 2010 and 2050 hours an enemy Israeli military aircraft flew at intervals over the area of al-Naqurah.

On 21 February 2008 between 1005 and 1115 hours, two Israeli military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the Shab'a farmlands, circled over all areas of Lebanon and then departed over 'Alma al-Sha'b.

Between 1144 and 1230 hours, four enemy Israeli military aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over Dayr Mimas, circled over all areas of Lebanon and then departed over 'Alma al-Sha'b.

Between 1835 and 2125 hours, an enemy Israeli reconnaissance aircraft violated Lebanese airspace over the sea off Tyre and circled over the South, then departed over the sea off al-Naqurah.

Sea violations

None.

Acts of aggression in the field

On 15 February 2008 between 1330 and 1600 hours at the crossing point by the town of Kafr Killa, three Israeli farmers pumped runoff water from the Israeli side towards a ditch alongside the technical fence in the direction of Lebanese territory, where two tankers belonging to the Spanish unit were used to transport the water elsewhere.

On 17 February 2008 between 1000 and 1530 hours at the crossing point by the town of Kafr Killa, a number of Israeli farmers pumped runoff water from the Israeli side towards a ditch alongside the technical fence in the direction of Lebanese territory. At 1250 hours, a tanker contracted to the Spanish unit was used to transport the water elsewhere.

Between 1330 and 1340 hours near the Mays al-Jabal Gate, the Israeli enemy pumped water from inside the occupied Palestinian territories in the direction of Lebanese territory.

On 18 February 2008 at 0745 hours at the crossing point by the town of Kafr Killa, the Israeli enemy pumped water from inside the occupied Palestinian territories into a ditch alongside the technical fence inside Lebanese territory, where it began to overflow onto the 'Udaysah — Kafr Killa public highway. Lebanese Army patrols and the Spanish unit operating within UNIFIL attended, siphoned off the water and transported it elsewhere by means of tankers.

On 21 February 2008 between 0745 and 1630 hours at the crossing point by the town of Kafr Killa, the Israeli enemy pumped water from inside the occupied Palestinian territories into a ditch alongside the technical fence inside Lebanese territory, where the water began to overflow onto the 'Udaysah — Kafr Killa public highway and from there into the orchards of the town of Kafr Killa. At 1030 hours, a UNIFIL tanker equipped with a siphon came and siphoned off the water.

Israeli activities

On 15 February 2008 from 2100 hours inside the occupied Palestinian territories in the orchards which extend from the settlement at Metulla to that at Misgav Am, close to the towns of 'Udaysah and Kafr Killa, stationary motorized enemy patrols (as ambushes) were observed at a distance of approximately 500 metres from one another, with an average of 3 to 4 vehicles per patrol moving between them.